

TRACK ONE SCHEDULE

(Simple cases)

First day of hearing	19.5 weeks after date of Chief Judge's order designating presiding judge
Reply briefs to the Judge	25.5 weeks after date Chief Judge's designation order (6 weeks after hearing begins; assumes 1 week for hearing, 3 weeks for initial briefs, and 2 weeks for reply briefs)
Initial decision	29.5 weeks after date of Chief Judge's designation order (4 weeks after final briefs to the ALJ)

All dates are "no later than" dates and may be moved up where possible.

TRACK TWO SCHEDULE

(Complex Cases)

First day of hearing	32 weeks after date of Chief Judge's order designating presiding judge
Reply briefs to the Judge	40 weeks after date of Chief Judge's designation order (8 weeks after hearing begins; assumes 1 week for hearing, 4 weeks for initial briefs, and 3 weeks for reply briefs)
Initial decision	47 weeks after date of Chief Judge's designation order (7 weeks after final briefs to the ALJ)

All dates are "no later than" dates and may be moved up where possible.

TRACK THREE SCHEDULE
(Exceptionally Complex Cases)

First day of hearing	42 weeks after date of Chief Judge's order designating presiding judge
Reply briefs to the Judge	53 weeks after date of Chief Judge's designation order (11 weeks after hearing begins, assumes 2 weeks for hearing, 5 weeks for initial briefs, and 4 weeks for reply briefs)
Initial decision	63 weeks after date of Chief Judge's designation order (10 weeks after final briefs to the ALJ)

All dates are "no later than" dates and may be moved up where possible

NOTES:

- These time standards will apply to proceedings that the Commission sets for hearing, unless the Commission order directs otherwise.
- Merger cases set for hearing will be processed within these timelines consistent with the Commission's merger policy which states that it will be able to issue a final order on most applications within 12 to 15 months from the date that a complete application is filed.
- The Chief Judge will designate the track to be followed in the order designating the presiding judge.
- Requests for modification of these schedules showing good cause will be directed to the Chief Judge for consideration. The Chief Judge may also shorten the time where it appears appropriate.

COMPLAINTS

(Regular)

First day of hearing	30 days after Commission order setting hearing
Reply briefs to the Judge	45 days after Commission order setting hearing (15 days after hearing begins, assumes 3 days for hearing, 7 days for initial briefs, and 5 days for reply briefs)
Initial decision	60 days after Commission order setting hearing (15 days after reply briefs are filed)

All dates are "no later than" dates and may be moved up where possible

COMPLAINTS

(Fast-Track)

First day of hearing	3 days after Commission order setting hearing
Oral Argument before Judge	5 days after Commission order setting hearing
Initial decision	8 days after Commission order setting hearing

All dates are "no later than" dates and may be moved up where possible.

NOTE: These time standards are consistent with the processing times reflected in the preamble to the Commission's Complaint Rule. Parties and the ALJ are expected to make every effort to meet these target time processing standards. Modifications to these time processing standards may be made in particular cases only for the most compelling reasons, after taking into account the complexity of the case, the number of issues and other factors required to develop a complete record.